

REMARKS

By way of the above amendment, Applicant has amended claim 1 to clarify that the needle hub has a threaded portion to which an interchangeable needle is attached. As now set forth in the claims, it is clarified that a spring surrounds a portion of the needle hub between a base of a needle hub and a threaded first end of the needle hub. It is respectfully submitted that this clarification, along with the previous amendments submitted by way of Amendment C on February 3, 2005, now place the claims in condition for allowance.

Inasmuch as all outstanding issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and action to such effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at his/her convenience should only minor issues remain after consideration of the present Amendment, to permit early resolution of same.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3172.

Respectfully submitted,

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